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Applicant: Wayne B. Hile
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DISABLING RADIO
FREQUENCY DEVICES
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- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This communication is a preliminary amendment concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

A marked up version of the paragraph amended below has been included in Appendix A of this Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following paragraph:

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[0023] Referring now to FIG. 3, a flow diagram 300 is shown depicting exemplary steps followed in at least partially disabling electronic devices, such as personal electronic devices. In the exemplary steps shown, a warning message is provided to persons nearing and/or entering the area in which the devices may be shut down and/or disabled (step 310). The warning message may be in any of a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, printed signs, electronic displays, lighted signs, audible messages, among others. When an electronic device is in and/or near the

a specified area, a transmitter may selectively transmit an RF signal throughout the area (step 320). The electronic devices in and/or near the area may include receivers which are configured to receive the RF signal (step 330) and further to interpret the signal as a disablement or shut-down signal. In an exemplary embodiment, the electronic devices will interpret the RF signal as a disablement or shut-down signal and will carry out procedures to partially disable the electronic devices automatically (step 340).
